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SUBJECT

Office of Security Review of Top Secret Control Nominations

1. In recent weeks we have discussed the fact that nominations for area and alternate Top Secret Control Officer positions are reviewed and "approved" by the Personnel Security Division. Our conversations have highlighted the fact that PSD has disapproved a nomination only on one occasion in recent years, in which case the disapproval was later overridden.

- 2. I believe that this procedure of submitting Top Secret Control Officer nominations for PSD review is mechanical and not profitable. In view of the recent reorganization of the Office of Security and the assignment of Top Secret Control management to ISSG, now is a good opportunity to discontinue this practice. I believe it apparent that any staff employee holding a TOP SECRET clearance is qualified to act as a Top Secret Control Officer and suggest that we merely maintain an up-to-date listing of these assignments. This is particularly true in view of our other plans for revising Agency Top Secret Control philosophy.
- 3. It is requested that you prepare a briefing paper for my signature proposing that the Director of Security amend existing procedures to do away with the PSD review. The paper should make a strong case detailing the automatic nature of the PSD approval.

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Chief, Information Systems Security Group

